

# The RCEP could be worse than the TPP



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➔ **The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade deal currently being negotiated, faces strong opposition from community groups because it would be damaging for people and the planet.**

**Bigger and shrouded in secrecy:** The RCEP is bigger and more secretive than the TPP, involving all 10 ASEAN South-East Asian countries plus China, Japan, Korea, Australia and NZ. India has now withdrawn from the agreement but it still covers 2.2 billion people. We will not see the text until after it is agreed.

**Profit before people:** could include special rights for foreign investors to sue governments over laws to protect health, environment or workers' rights (ISDS). It could restrict regulation of essential services, and mean more temporary workers vulnerable to exploitation.



## **Access to medicines threatened:**

The RCEP could raise the price of medicines by extending monopoly rights for pharmaceutical companies.

This could delay access to cheaper medicines in Australia, and have the worst impacts in developing countries.

## **The RCEP could be signed soon: make your voice heard!**

Sign the petition to the Senate to oppose the damaging provisions in the RCEP.

**Sign the RCEP Petition >> [aftinet.org.au/cms/node/1682](https://aftinet.org.au/cms/node/1682)**

# The RCEP would be bad for...

## Democracy



Allows global corporations to sue governments over health and other public interest laws.

## Workers



Has no protections for labour rights & vulnerable migrant workers.

## Health



Could lock in monopoly rights for pharmaceutical companies that can delay access to affordable medicines, especially in developing countries.

## Public services



Restricts government regulation and encourages privatisation of essential public services.

## The environment



Has no commitments to protect the environment, and allows corporations to sue over environmental laws.

## Women



Worsens gendered inequality by further limiting women's access to health, decent wages, education and other services.

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